

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cart comprising:
a work platform including a work surface and ~~at least one compartment~~ compartments
for containing items;
a base configured to be movable in at least a rearward direction; and
a height adjustment mechanism for adjusting the height of the work platform relative
to the base,
wherein the base includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment
mechanism in a forward direction that is substantially opposite to the rearward
direction,
wherein the work platform includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment
mechanism in the forward direction, the compartments are disposed in the
portion of the work platform that projects from the height adjustment
mechanism in the forward direction, and the compartments are configured to
permit a user facing in the rearward direction to access an item within the
compartments.
2. (Currently Amended): The cart of claim 1, wherein the ~~compartment~~
~~compartments~~ includes a drawer include drawers, and the portion of the work platform is
configured such that the drawers can be opened in the forward direction.
3. (Currently Amended): The cart of claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein the work platform ~~can~~ is
configured to accommodate drawers of different sizes.
4. (Currently Amended): The cart according to claim 1, ~~wherein the compartment is~~
~~configured to be unlocked via a keyless entry system~~ further comprising a handle disposed
above the compartments and on the portion of the work platform that projects in the forward

direction, the handle being configured such that the handle can be grasped by a user facing in the rearward direction to push the cart in the rearward direction.

5. (Currently Amended): The cart of claim 1, wherein the work platform includes a laptop platform that can be moved in at least one of a the forward and a rearward direction directions.

6. (Currently Amended) The cart of claim 1, wherein the work platform includes a work surface that can be moved in at least one of a leftward and rightward direction along an arcuate path that faces the forward direction.

7. (Original): The cart of claim 1, wherein the work platform includes a barcode scanner holder.

8. (Currently Amended): The cart of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of rolling members connected to the base, wherein the work platform includes sidewalls, and the rolling members are disposed on the base outside of the sidewalls.

9. (Currently Amended) The cart of claim & 1, ~~wherein the work platform includes sidewalls and the rolling members are disposed on the base outside of the sidewalls~~ wherein the height adjustment mechanism is configured to releasably lock the work platform at a plurality of heights.

10. (Currently Amended) The cart of claim 4 9, wherein the height adjustment mechanism ~~wherein the height adjustment mechanism is configured to lock the work platform at a plurality of heights between a lowest position and a highest position inclusive~~ comprises:
a stationary casing connected to the base;
a telescoping casing connected to the work platform and configured to move relative
to the stationary casing;
at least two drawer slides disposed between the stationary casing and the telescoping

casing;
a driver configured to releasably lock the telescoping casing relative to the stationary
casing; and
an actuator for controlling the driver.

11. (Currently Amended): A cart system comprising:

a first cart including:

at least one compartment; and

a base having rolling members to permit movement of the first cart;

a second cart including:

a housing having sidewalls;

a plurality of compartments supported in the housing; and

a base having rolling members to permit movement of the second cart, wherein
the base includes portions that project outside of the sidewalls of the
housing, the rolling members are disposed on the portions of the base
projecting outside of the sidewalls, and the base of the second cart is
configured to nest with the base of the first cart such that at least one of
the portions of the base of the second cart is disposed under the first
cart,

wherein the first and second cart including each include linking structure that permits
the first and second carts to be connected together for movement.

12. (Original): The cart system of claim 11, wherein the first cart further includes a
work platform having a work surface and that houses the at least one compartment.

13. (Original): The cart system of claim 11, wherein the first cart includes a plurality
of compartments.

14. (Currently Amended): The cart system of claim 11, wherein ~~the base of the first~~

~~cart is configured to nest with the base of the second cart~~ the linking structure of the first cart is provided on the base of the first cart and the linking structure of the second cart is provided on the base of the second cart.

15. (Currently Amended): The cart system of claim ~~11~~ 14, wherein ~~the second cart further includes a housing for supporting the plurality of compartments and the rolling members are disposed on the base outside of the sidewalls~~ the second cart includes a foot pedal actuator configured to cause the linking structure of the second cart to release the linking structure of the first cart.

16. (Currently Amended): A method of medication transport comprising the steps of:

- (a) loading, at a first location, medication into first and second carts;
- (b) connecting the first and second carts to form a cart train;
- (c) moving the cart train to a second location when loaded with medication;
- (d) separating the first and second carts after moving the cart train to the second location;
- (e) moving the first cart from the second location to a third location;
- (f) removing medication from the first cart at the third location; and
- (g) returning the first and second carts to the first location.

17. (Original): A method of medication transport comprising the steps of:

- (a) loading, at a first location, medication into a compartment in a medication module;
- (b) moving the medication module to a second location;
- (c) transferring medication from the medication module to a medical cart; and
- (d) administering medicine from the medical cart to a patient.

18. (New): The cart of claim 1, further comprising:
a refuse container.

19. (New): The cart of claim 5, wherein the laptop platform is configured to move in

both the forward and rearward directions between a forwardmost and a rearwardmost position, and wherein the work platform includes a mechanism configured to releaseably lock the laptop platform between the forwardmost and rearwardmost positions.

20. (New): The cart of claim 6, wherein the work surface is configured to move in both the rightward and the leftward directions between a rightmost and a leftmost position, and wherein the work platform includes a releasable locking mechanism configured to releaseably lock the work surface between the rightmost and leftmost positions.

21. (New): The cart of claim 7, wherein the barcode scanner holder is adjustable.

22. (New): The cart of claim 21, wherein the adjustable barcode scanner holder can be adjusted to hold a barcode scanner in an inverted orientation above the work platform.

23. (New): The cart of claim 10, wherein the driver includes a piston that, in response to a user's actuation of the actuator, permits gas to flow out of the piston during lowering of the height of the work platform, and that, in response to a user's actuation of the actuator, permits gas to flow into the piston during increasing of the height of the work platform.

24. (New): The cart of claim 10, wherein the actuator is disposed above the compartments and on the portion of the work platform that projects in the forward direction.

25. (New) A cart comprising:

at least one movable compartment including a notch;

a housing for supporting the movable compartment such that the movable compartment can be moved in and out relative to the housing;

a hinge having a stationary side connected to the housing and an active side biased toward an engagement position in which the active side is disposed in the notch of the movable compartment to prevent the movable compartment from

being moved out relative to the housing; and
a driver configured to move the active side of the hinge to a disengagement position in
which the active side is not disposed in the notch of the movable compartment.

26. (New): The cart of claim 25, wherein the movable compartment includes a sloped surfaced positioned behind the notch such that, when the movable compartment is moved in relative to the housing while the active side of the hinge is in the engagement position, the sloped surface will temporarily engage the active side and force it into the disengagement position to permit the movable compartment to continue to move in relative to the housing.

27. (New): The cart of claim 25, wherein the hinge is a piano hinge.

28. (New): The cart of claim 25, wherein the driver includes:
an actuating lever that engages the active side of the hinge and pivots about an axis to
move the active side of the hinge to the disengagement position; and
a solenoid that drives the actuating lever.

29. (New): The cart of claim 25, further comprising:
a circuit configured to control the driver; and
a keypad connected to the circuit,
wherein, when a user enters an unlock code on the keypad, the keypad is configured to send an unlock signal to the circuit which is configured to cause the driver to move the active side of the hinge to the disengagement position.

30. (New): The cart of claim 29, further comprising:
a timer configured to count to a predetermined time count after the hinge is moved to the disengagement position, wherein, after the predetermined time has been counted, the timer is configured to instruct the driver to allow the active side of the hinge to move to the engagement position.

31. (New): The cart of claim 25, further comprising a plurality of movable compartments that can each be maintained in positioned by the hinge.

32. (New): A cart comprising:

a work platform including a work surface and at least one compartment for containing an item within the compartment;

a base; and

a height adjustment mechanism for adjusting the height of the work platform relative to the base, wherein the height adjustment mechanism comprises:

a stationary casing connected to the base;

a telescoping casing connected to the work platform and configured to move relative to the stationary casing; and

at least two drawer slides including rolling members and being disposed between the stationary casing and the telescoping casing.

33. (New): The cart of claim 32, wherein the height adjustment mechanism is configured to releasably lock the work platform at a plurality of heights, the height adjustment mechanism further comprising:

a driver configured to releasably lock the telescoping casing relative to the stationary casing; and

an actuator for controlling the driver.

34. (New): The cart of claim 33, wherein the driver includes a piston that, in response to a user's actuation of the actuator, permits gas to flow out of the piston during lowering of the height of the work platform, and that, in response to a user's actuation of the actuator, permits gas to flow into the piston during increasing of the height of the work platform.

35. (New): A cart comprising:

a work platform including a work surface and at least one compartment for containing

an item within the compartment;
a base configured to be movable in at least a rearward direction; and
a height adjustment mechanism for adjusting the height of the work platform relative to the base, wherein the height adjustment mechanism is configured to releasably lock the work platform at a plurality of heights, the height adjustment mechanism comprising:
a stationary casing connected to the base;
a telescoping casing connected to the work platform and configured to move relative to the stationary casing;
a driver configured to releasably lock the telescoping casing relative to the stationary casing; and
an actuator for controlling the driver,
wherein the base includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in a forward direction that is substantially opposite to the rearward direction,
wherein the work platform includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in the forward direction, the compartment is disposed in the portion of the work platform that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in the forward direction, and the compartment is configured to permit a user facing in the rearward direction to access an item within the compartment,
wherein the actuator is disposed above the compartment and on the portion of the work platform that projects in the forward direction.

36. (New): The cart of claim 35, further comprising a handle disposed on the work platform, wherein the actuator is disposed on the handle.

37. (New): A cart comprising:

a work platform;

a holder for supporting a barcode scanner, wherein the holder is connected to the work

platform and is adjustable to adjust the location of the scanner relative to the work platform;
a base that moveably supports the work platform.

38. (New): The cart of claim 37, wherein the holder can be adjusted to hold a barcode scanner in an inverted orientation above the work platform so as to enable a user to scan items without holding the barcode scanner.